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1. USEF/P AND EMBASSY WONDER IF STEPHEN P. COHEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA, WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE GOP PERMISSION FOR HIS PROJECT. COHEN'S CREDENTIALS ARE IMPRESSIVE. BUT HIS SUBJECT MATTER FOR RESEARCH, IE, "SOUTH ASIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY MATTERS", IS A SENSITIVE ONE HERE AND THE GOP MAY WELL REFUSE HIM PERMISSION TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDY.

2. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE USEF/P SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN GETTING APPROVAL FROM THE GOP FOR THIS PROJECT. USEF/P HAS WORKED HARD IN RECENT YEARS TO ESTABLISH ITS BONA FIDES WITH THE GOP FOLLOWING THE PERIOD IN THE LUPE SIXTIES WHEN THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM FELL ON POLITICALLY HARD TIMES HERE. USEF/P RELATIONS WITH THE GOP ARE NOW EXCELLENT, AND WE DO NOT WANT TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT USEF/P IS INVOLVED IN PUSHING SENSITIVE POLITICAL
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RESEARCH ABOUT WHICH THE GOP MAY DISAPPROVE. WE BELIEVE THE COHEN PROJECT IS A SERIOUS SCHOLARLY PROJECT, DESERVING OF BEING PURSUED, BUT THE GOP MIGHT INTERPRET IT DIFFERENTLY. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE, AS A FIRST STEP, GOP APPROVAL SHOULD BE SOUGHT BY COHEN HIMSELF, THROUGH THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, OR THROUGH THE FORD

FOUNDATION ITSELF, WHICH HAS A PERMANENT AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN ISLAMABAD. IF COHEN RECEIVES GOP PERMISSION, WE WOULD THEN ASSIST HIM IN PURSUING HIS RESEARCH.
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